

## AMERICANS ARE BEING MURDERED IN MEXICO NOW BY THE SCORES AND THE RECORDS ARE ON FILE

Senator Penrose Severely  
Criticizes the Administra-  
tion for Its Inaction.

PRESENCE OF PAGE

In Mexico Without Official  
Authority is Inquired  
into by Senator.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 15.—Senator Penrose forced another debate on the Mexican situation today by introducing a resolution calling upon President Wilson to inform the Senate whether William Bayard Hale is in Mexico City as the agent of any executive department of the government and if so by what authority he was appointed and what compensation he has been given.

The White House explanation of Hale's presence in Mexico has been that he was there as a personal friend of President Wilson forwarding information. Senator Penrose declared that he had no desire to further complicate a delicate situation or to indulge in jingoism. He referred, however, to dispatches from Mexico telling of the serious plight of Shirley C. Hulse, son-in-law of Lieutenant Governor Reynolds, of Pennsylvania, who with his wife and little daughter is believed to be in danger from revolutionists near the city of Chihuahua. The Senator declared that unless the mission of John Lind developed marked change in conditions in Mexico he would address the Senate next week laying before it certain information he did not disclose today.

"Things are getting pretty close to home," declared Senator Penrose, "and are becoming serious when American citizens are molested and their lives and property endangered. Personally, I am willing to wait a few days to see if the mysterious mission of Mr. Lind produces any tangible results. In the event that it does not, early next week I expect to address the Senate on conditions in Mexico and will offer a resolution which I hope will go some way toward asserting the dignity of the United States and its firm intention to protect the lives and property of American citizens in Mexico."

Mr. Penrose asked Mr. Bacon, of the foreign relations committee, if he would reveal the status of Hale.

"I decline to answer," replied Senator Bacon.

"Declining to answer will not continue to be satisfactory to the Senate or to the people of the country," rejoined Senator Penrose.

Hale, Senator Penrose declared, had been active in Mexico City conveying the impression that he is the representative of President Wilson and had been conference with Mr. Lind since the envoy's arrival.

Senator Penrose added that he had known Hale several years and that he left Ardmore, Pa., about thirteen years ago under circumstances he need not "more than mention."

"The sooner Dr. Hale's connections are severed the better for the unfortunate Americans now in Mexico," he concluded.

The resolution calling for information went over until tomorrow. Senator Lodge charged that the Democrats were trying to treat the Mexican question as a party affair. His statement made in bitter terms followed a declaration by Senator Bacon that "force meant war."

"I want to support the president in every possible way on this Mexican question," he cried, addressing the Democrats. "He is not your president alone, he is the president of the American people as much mine as yours. But I want no partisanship in the handling of this serious situation. You can't have non-partisanship on party lines and that is what you are trying to do. You can do nothing worse than to exercise the power of your majority on this Mexican question. This question can not be disposed of that way. It can not be dismissed with a smile and a sneer."

In a demand that the Senate should not pass or consider the resolution until the foreign relations committee had an opportunity to take them up, Senator Bacon urged that all possible support be given to the president.

"While the senator is deliberating in his committee," interrupted Senator Penrose, "Americans are daily being murdered in Mexico. Here is a prominent American citizen in danger of being shot. I have infor-

## APPEAL TO THE COURTS POSTMASTERS ARE BEING OUSTED NOW

For Democrats Without Re-  
gard for the Civil Ser-  
vice Laws of Country.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 15.—There seems to be more activity in connection with the postoffice department than in any other branch of the government at Washington in these days. West Virginia postmasters are being rapidly changed whether they are under civil service or not. It is no secret that the Democrats are trying to get possession of a number of the larger offices in the state now held by Republicans whose terms will not expire for many months and in some instances for years. Whether they will succeed in getting the occupants out of these offices or not is a question, but it is known that if a showing can be made against any postmaster who was appointed by President Taft the present administration will not hesitate to put a Democrat in his place.

Even among the fourth class postmasters who are subject to civil service regulations changes are being made constantly in West Virginia. Among the offices where new postmasters have been named are those at Stonewall, Raleigh county, where Wayne Bumpus, succeeds D. B. Burdette; Volga, Barbour county, where Mollie M. Cleaver succeeds W. P. Williamson; and Points, Hampshire county, where Leola F. Johnson succeeds I. T. Johnson.

In addition to these postmaster selections have been made of the following who will soon be appointed: J. M. Carter at Chatteroi, Mineral county; Robert J. Patterson, Maggie, Mason county; Dr. Montney, Harman, Randolph county; and J. L. Butcher, Holden, Logan county.

Congressman H. H. Moss has succeeded in having the postoffice department extend the rural delivery route No. 1 out of Elizabeth for the accommodation of about twenty families.

The postoffice department has also directed the extension of route No. 3 out of Moatsville for the accommodation of about twenty-four families.

Through the efforts of Congressman Moss a change has been ordered in the mail service between Ernest and Schilling. Hereafter the route will end at Pasco, omitting Schilling.

Congressman Brown has been unsuccessful in his effort to increase the mail service between Circleville, W. Va., and Crab Bottom, Va., so as to make a daily service. The department has held that the increased service is not warranted.

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May Be Agreed Upon by  
Counsel for Sulzer and  
Glynn Next.

SULZER DOES REFUSE

Glynn's Demand to Turn  
over Office and State  
Seal to Him.

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 15.—Formal demand for the surrender of the executive chamber and offices, the privy seal and all books, papers and documents relating to the executive department was made upon Governor Sulzer this afternoon by Lieutenant Governor Martin H. Glynn.

Governor Sulzer refused to comply with the demand. Included in Governor Sulzer's refusal according to D. Cady Herrick, chief of his counsel, is a proposal that Glynn and Sulzer prepare a brief statement of the facts in the controversy and submit them to the courts to determine who is governor of New York.

Mr. Glynn's letter is addressed to Mr. Sulzer simply as "Hon. William Sulzer, Albany, N. Y.," and is signed by Mr. Glynn as acting governor.

Counsel for Lieutenant Governor Glynn later made an appointment to confer this afternoon with counsel for Governor Sulzer in an effort to devise a way in which the courts could speedily settle the controversy.

GRABS MONEY

From Bank Window, Rushes  
Out into Street and is  
Lost in Crowd.

ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 14.—A stranger walked into the New York State National Bank today, thrust his arm through one of the paying teller's window, grabbed bills aggregating \$79 and rushed out into the crowded street where he was lost to view before the astonished teller could give an alarm.

CHEAT DAM

Now Half Completed Does  
Not Come Under Jurisdiction  
of the Commission.

MORGANTOWN, AUG. 15.—Engineer F. W. Scheidehelm, of Pittsburgh, in charge of the dam construction for the Hydro-electric Company of West Virginia, on the Cheat river, was on the stand this morning at the hearing of the public service commission into the necessity, plans and safety of the dam. His testimony, it is understood, will be supplemented by that of other engineers.

The dam at Cheat Haven is half done and as it was started before the creation of the public service commission, that body's consent is not needed. This does not apply, however, to the dams at Rockville and Beaver Hole.

Commissioner Ogden conducted the examination of witnesses. Investigation as to the companies' financial affairs will be made at a hearing in Charleston September 9.

MUCH IMPROVED.

C. A. Sembower, of the Broadbuss apartments, who recently underwent an operation in a local hospital for appendicitis, is recovering nicely and will be able to be out in a short time.

PARLIAMENT PROROGUED.

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 15.—The British parliament was prorogued today and will not convene until February next year unless something extraordinary happens. The king's speech as read in the House of Lords was colorful.

NEGRO SHOT DEAD.

MORGAN, Ga., Aug. 15.—A mob that overpowered fifteen deputies battered its way into the county jail here today and shot dead Robert Lovett, a negro accused of killing two white men.

MRS. CROTTY DEAD.

PARKERSBURG, Aug. 15.—Mrs. Blanche Crotty, wife of John J. Crotty, one of Parkersburg's foremost business men, is dead at the family residence on Market street of acute indigestion after a brief illness.

COUNCIL WILL MEET.

There will be a regular meeting of the city council at 7:30 o'clock this evening.

### GETS MEDAL FOR WORK AS NURSE



Duchess of Austria.  
Jane Lew, Duchess of Austria, has been  
given a medal for her work as a Red  
Cross nurse during the war in Italy.

### INDEMNITY

May Be Given Japanese Sub-  
jects Affected by Cali-  
fornia Land Law.

TOKIO, Japan, Aug. 15.—It was announced here that the United States has intimated readiness to favor in principle the payment of an indemnity to Japanese subjects who have been affected by the California alien land ownership legislation.

The United States has also recognized the right of Japan to adopt a measure similar to the California bill. From intimations given in official circles it appears unlikely that Japan will adopt either idea. What Japan desires is permanent friendly relations with the United States and therefore it seeks a fundamental solution of the difficulty. If the United States has no solution to offer, it is stated Japan will probably allow the matter to remain as a grievance. The public feeling of humiliation in this connection continues to be fanned by inflammatory articles in the newspapers.

### DRAWN BY COW.

PARKERSBURG, Aug. 15.—Albert Swain, ten-year-old son of Albert G. Swain, is in a critical condition from injuries received when a cow he was leading from a pasture became frightened and ran away dragging him by a rope over rough roads several hundred yards on the Swain farm on Jerry's run.

### LIND HAS CONFERENCE.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 15.—John Lind, the personal representative of President Wilson, had a conference lasting an hour late last night with Sedergrissio Gamboa, the Mexican foreign minister, at his private residence. Mr. Lind went and returned unaccompanied.

### CONAWAY HONORED.

PARKERSBURG, Aug. 15.—The West Virginia State Dental Association, now holding its seventh annual session here, elected the following officers: President, W. E. H. Caldwell, Wheeling; first vice president, W. B. Conaway, Clarksburg; second vice president, Homer Mannon, Huntington; secretary, A. C. Plant, Wheeling; and treasurer, D. C. Clark, Blacksville.

### PAYTON INJURED.

CHARLESTON, Aug. 15.—Col. Charles S. Peyton, one of the conspicuous figures in Pickett's charge up the Battle of Gettysburg, was thrown from his horse near his home at Roncoveito, W. Va., today and physicians fear fatally injured.

## AN APOLOGY MADE TO GREAT BRITAIN

TO JANE LEW

Street Car Service Begins on  
a Regular Schedule  
Daily Now.

Effective today, there was a change in the schedule of the operation of cars of the Monongahela Valley Traction Company cars on the new West-to-line from Clarksburg to Jane Lew. The principal feature of the change is the departure of the cars from Clarksburg on the half hour instead of on the hour. The line has just been constructed into Jane Lew and already it is proving popular.

South bound, the line began operation this morning, the first car leaving Clarksburg at 5:30, and the departures will be hourly until 10:30 at night. The first car reached the various stations at the following times, and those which follow run on corresponding periods: Clarksburg 5:30; Hartland 5:40; Owens 5:42; Goff Siding 5:45; Barnett 5:47; Philadelphia Siding 5:50; Marshall 5:56; Mt. Clare Siding 6:00; Interstate 6:02; Stout Siding 6:08; Lost Creek 6:12; Curry Siding 6:18; McWhorter 6:22; Jane Lew 6:30.

North bound, the first car leaves Jane Lew at 5:30 and arrives at Clarksburg one hour later. The service north bound will be hourly until 10:30 at night.

### MEMORIAL UNVEILED

In Celebration of Departure  
of Pilgrims from South-  
ampton for America.

SOUTHAMPTON, Eng., Aug. 15.—A memorial in celebration of the tercentenary of the departure of the Pilgrims from Southampton for America, was unveiled here today by Walter Hines Page, the United States ambassador. It is a column erected on the site of the pier from which they embarked on the Mayflower.

The ceremonies were presided over by the mayor of Southampton. Speeches were made by members of the Alden, Winslow and Brewster families and by Joseph G. Butler, of Youngstown, O., who unveiled the "Ohio panel" at the base of the monument.

### LAKIN SELLS LAND.

CHARLESTON, Aug. 15.—James Lakin, president of the state board of control, has sold to the United States government 3,203 acres of land on Ohio and Headforemost mountains in Bedford and Botetourt counties, Va., to form a part of the national reserve in the neighborhood of the Natural Bridge of Virginia. The price is said to be \$25,000.

### MUSIC FOR THE FAIR.

Gregory's band has been engaged to play a series of concerts at the Central West Virginia Fair, which is to be held here Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, September 1, 2, 3 and 4 on the big fair grounds here. The band will be augmented for the engagement by the addition of a dozen fine musicians and it expects to be in splendid shape.

## SEVENTEEN MILLION DOLLARS IS ADDED

By Board of Public Works to  
Assessment of Public  
Service Corporations.

CHARLESTON, Aug. 15.—More than seventeen million of dollars was added to the valuation of the public service corporations of West Virginia by the board of Public Works for the purpose of taxation in 1913, as shown by the figures now being certified to the state auditor by Clerk Homer Gray of the board.

The increase this year makes the total valuation of the public service corporations, as fixed by the board for the purpose of taxation, \$312,218,410 as against \$295,029,047 in 1912, or an increase this year of \$17,189,363. This increase is

Through Ambassador Page  
for Ambassador Wilson's  
Comments.

### BRITISH SURPRISED

That Wilson and Bryan  
Should Take the Matter  
in a Serious Way.

LONDON, Eng., Aug. 15.—Surprise was caused in England by the news from the United States that Ambassador Page had been instructed to apologize to the British government for the comments made on the British-Mexican policy by Henry Lane Wilson, American ambassador to Mexico. The affair had not excited the slightest attention. The British newspapers had hitherto ignored Ambassador Wilson's statement but they print it today as an explanation of the grounds for the apology.

The Westminster Gazette, the government organ, says:

"The difficulty between President Wilson and Ambassador Wilson is purely domestic and will not cause a ripple in the relations between the British and American governments. President Wilson and Secretary of State Bryan may have good reasons of their own for not recognizing Provisional President Huerta's government at the present moment but they will not take offense at other governments which have taken a different course and least of all at us in the circumstances which have not been disclosed."

### DRINKS ACID

While Officer Waits to Take  
Her Away from Home  
on a Warrant.

CROSBY, Minn., Aug. 15.—With her two babies in her arms and a towel over her face to protect them from the acid she had taken, Mrs. Lola Blair, 28 years old, an exceptionally beautiful woman, died here today just after she had been served with a warrant for her arrest. The warrant, sworn out by Mrs. William Guith, wife of a local contractor, accused her of a statutory offense. Guith was arrested later. When a deputy sheriff went to the Blair home today with the warrant, Mrs. Blair asked time to pack a suit case. Permission given, she went to her bedroom, took her babies in her arms, and died. She had drunk four ounces of poison.

### PAVING IS RESUMED.

Resulting from protests by property owners, a series of conferences and the waiving of damage rights by one property owner on Lee street, the work of paving Lee street was resumed Friday on a new grade that meets the present Virginia street grade.

### ACQUIRES GAS COMPANY.

MORGANTOWN, Aug. 15.—Dr. D. H. Courtney, of this city, has acquired a majority of the stock in the Randolph Gas and Water Company, one of the two public service corporations supplying Morgantown with natural gas for commercial and domestic use. Walter H. South will continue as general manager of the company.

### COURT SITS.

The county court sat again today and looked after matters in general.